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AMATEUR RADIO WEEK PROCLAMATION



Seated left to right: City of Rayne, Louisiana - Mayor James J. Petitjean, AARA President Herman Campbell KN5GRK. **Standing left to right:** Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP - Field Day Chairperson, Larry Babineaux KF5JRT of the Rayne Police Department and Roger Hoskin W5QEP.

On May 24th, members of the AARA attended a signing of a Proclamation by Rayne Mayor Petitjean declaring the week of June 19th thru June 26th as "Amateur Radio Week" to coincide with Field Day activities falling on June 25th & 26th.

Club President Herman also presented a certificate of appreciation to Mayor Petitjean and the City of Rayne for all they have done for our club in the past to further amateur radio in their community. The Rayne Civic Center has hosted our Hamfest and Field Day activities for the last ten years or more.



President's Message

Well, June is already here, hurricane season as of June 1st. Time to start preparing for what may be a busy season as if we need another disaster or two to go with the Mississippi flooding and active and deadly tornado activities. Be sure to keep those who lost families and property in your prayers.

Field Day is almost upon us, Glen KF5FNP, our FD Chairperson, has been very busy trying to put this year's. This is his first attempt, so let's give him any support we possibly can. So far, I personally think he is doing a great job in lining up equipment and volunteers to operate and set up.

At the May General Meeting, some upcoming Special Events were mentioned, we will need someone to chair some of these events if we plan to stay active and give some of the younger new hams an idea on what amateur radio is all about. Some of the events this year mentioned were:

- *CajunMan Triathlon - Sep.
- *Teche Canoe Race - Oct.
- *Cajun Cup 10K Run - Nov.
- *Cajun 1/2 Marathon - Dec.

Next year, it was agreed at the May meeting to do a Louisiana Special Event at the 2012 AARA Hamfest. Think about getting involved!

Joy Breaux N5YCS underwent surgery on May 25th and is back home and making a good recovery. Be sure to keep her and Rick N5RLM in your prayers.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT
THE JUNE 2nd MEETING!**

Herman Campbell - KN5GRK
AARA President

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday June 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat
St. Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

ARCOS Hamfest

Many, Louisiana
Saturday June 4, 2011

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays
Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2011-2012

President - Herman Campbell KN5GRK

kn5grk@lusfiber.net

Vice Pres. - Archie Hill W5AG

Secretary - Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF

Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS

BOARD MEMBERS

Irma Bookter - KE5UPK

Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP

Nick Romero - KE5MWX
Abbigail Wilson - KF5BEW

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Pictured left to right: Galen KF5BET, Sandy KE5KJF, John W4JHC, Glen KF5FNP, Roger W5QEP & Larry KE5KJD. Not shown were: Danny KD5JSM & Kathy KD5TJZ Daphne (Glen's wife) and Herman KN5GRK (who took this picture).

Field Day Pre-checkout

On Saturday May 21st, a pre-checkout of the AMOS Van, generator, tower trailer and antenna at Danny & Kathy's QTH went well, however the TS-990 radio in the van seems to have some automatic tuner problems which may be corrected before Field Day. Also some of the coax had problems and was replaced by Scotty N5MEG.

During this time, a inventory of all the club equipment was taken of the AMOS van and storage building by Daphne, Sandy and Herman which was entered into a Excel spreadsheet. This will give the club an idea of what assets we have, location, and value. I don't think this has ever been done to my knowledge.

A second pre-checkout is scheduled sometime before Field Day.

JUNK-IN-THE-TRUNK

Between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Saturday June 25th during our Field Day Event, there will be a "Junk-In-The-Trunk" which means if you have any items laying around that you might want to trade, sell, donate, etc., you are invited to load it up and bring it to the AARA Field Day in Rayne, Louisiana. We would prefer ham radio associated items, but I understand anything legal goes. We will be located in the large pavilion in Gossen Memorial Park, Rayne, LA. First 15 that shows up get to park under the pavilion (bring a mat to prevent oil spills on pavement) all others can park on the grass. It is open to all, members or non-members, soft drinks will be sold to non-members.

SO LOAD UP ALL YOUR OLD JUNK AND COME OUT AND VISIT



KIDS NET KICK-OFF

The first kids net for the AARA was held on May 5, 2011 at approximately 8:45 am. The frequency used for the net was 145.410 MHz.

Nick Pugh, K5QXJ, delivered the first set of radios to the New Iberia students and gave instructions on the use of the radios. The Radios are HYS TC-VU88 dual band (2mtr and 70cm). 8 radios were delivered.

Abbi, KF5BEW and Kendra Wilson, KF5FYS were the net controllers for the net which lasted 17 minutes with 10 check-ins of students 18 years old or younger. The net was fairly informal with the kids giving their name, call sign, age and where they go to school.

A second net was called on May 12, 2011. This net was held on the W5DDL repeater, 146.820 MHz. Nick delivered 10 radios to Paul Breaux Middle School in Lafayette.

The net started at approximately 8:45 and lasted about 18 minutes. The net controllers were again, Abbi and Kendra Wilson.

A huge thanks goes out to AARA ham club members for supporting the education of young hams and also to Nick Pugh, K5QXJ for taking the time to teach our young hams.

Thanks to Marvita Hudson, Director of the Children's Museum for allowing ham radio to be a part of the museum and also to Terry Turner, KF5FYW, Paul Breaux Science teacher, who offers the Technician class to her students.

Be sure to jump in and give these new hams a boost by talking to them on the air when they key up. Their radios are programmed for all of the local repeaters.

KIDS DAY

From ARRL website

Kids Day is an event to encourage young people (licensed or not) to have fun with Amateur Radio. It is designed to give on-the-air experience to youngsters and hopefully foster interest in getting a license of their own. It is also intended to give older hams a chance to share their station and love for Amateur Radio with their children.

The date for Kids Day is June 18, 2011 and will run from 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC. Stations can operate as much or as little as they like.

The suggested exchange is: Name, age, location and favorite color. Be sure to work the same station again if an operator has changed. To draw attention, call "CQ Kids Day".

Suggested Frequencies are:

10 meters: 28.350 to 28.400 MHz

12 meters: 24.960 to 24.980 MHz

15 meters: 21.360 to 21.400 MHz

17 meters: 18.140 to 18.145 MHz

20 meters: 14.270 to 14.300 MHz

40 meters: 7.270 to 7.290 MHz

80 meters: 2.740 to 3.940 MHz

You can also use your favorite repeater (with permission of the repeater's sponsor). Be sure to observe third party restrictions when making DX QSOs.

All participant's are encouraged to post their story and photos to the Kids Day Soapbox Page www.arrl.org/soapbox and tell the world about your operations, the fun you had and who you talked to!

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. You can download the certificate for free at: "www.arrl.org/kids-day-survey-certificate", customized with the youngster's names, after filling out the Kids Day Survey found on the same page as the certificate generator. Alternatively, you can send a 9"x12" SASE to:

Kids Day Certificate Request
ARRL
225 Main St
Newington, CT 0611
ATTN: Sean Kutzko, KX9X



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|------|---------|--------|
| 6/05 | KAREN | KE5RPI |
| 6/06 | MARK | KE5NTW |
| 6/11 | SANDRA | KE5KJF |
| 6/22 | JOE | AB5GC |
| 7/01 | ED | WA5TNK |
| 7/01 | CHARLES | K5UA |
| 7/02 | EUGENE | WA5KNC |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

ARCOS Hamfest

Many, Louisiana

Sponsored by: Amateur Radio Club of Sabine & Gulf Coast Hurricane Net.

Date: Saturday June 4, 2011

Place: 1756 San Antonio Ave.

Many, Louisiana
Sabine Parish EOC

Time: 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Talk-in: 147.280 + 600 No PL

Admission: \$5.00 includes 1 Main Prize ticket. Additional tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Table rental is \$5.00.

Main Prizes

1st-Yaesu FT-8900 Quad Band Mobile.

2nd-Yaesu FT-7900 Dual Band Mobile.

3rd-Yaesu FT-2900 2 meter Mobile.

4th-Wouxon KG-UVD1P Dual Band HT.

Food: food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Contact: Cecil Harper, W5CQG
294 Balleycastle Drive
Milam, TX 75959
Phone: 409-625-1565
Fax: 409-625-1566
Email: wd5cqq@windstream.net

CLUB MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by the President Herman, KN5GRK.
- The opening prayer was led by Irma, KE5UPK.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- There were 25 members and several guests in attendance.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts.

Minutes:

The April Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the May LARC Newsletter. On motion by Danny Daigle, KD5JSM, seconded by Fred Marshal, W5MLE, the Minutes were approved as posted in the May issue of the LARC.

Financial Report:

The Financial Report was read by Herman, KN5GRK, for Joy, N5YCS. On motion by Danny, KD5JSM, seconded by Fred Marshall, W5MLE, the financial report was approved as read. Copies of the April treasurer's report may be obtained by members from Joy Breauux, N5YCS, at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A Board Meeting held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the Red Cross building. On motion by Archie Hill, W5AG, seconded by Irma Bookter, KE5UPK, a modification of an additional \$200.00 to the Field Day expenses was approved.

Glen Thibodeaux, KF5FNP, Field Day Chairman, mentioned that a Field Day practice for set-

up will be held at Danny Daigle's home at 555 Renaud on Saturday, May 21st at 9 a.m. If it rains, the set-up will be on either May 28th or June 11th.

Items to be checked during the set-up:

Inventory of Amos and the storage container

Start, check out and run Amos

Set up antenna and check out the radios

We will be operating as an A1 station with a go to 2 meter station.

Roland Guidry, NA5Q, will check with the Mayor of Rayne for a date and time to have a proclamation signed.

Herman, KN5GRK, proposed a project to stimulate some activity within the Club. For those who only have VHF and UHF privileges, he suggested that we have a contest starting on a certain date. Make contacts with stations with the last letter in their call ranging from A-Z. The first person obtaining 26 contacts ending A-Z win some kind of prize or certificate. You must keep a log and use the "Honor System" in making your contacts, no QSL cards needed to

be exchanged. Repeaters, EchoLink, and Simplex contacts will be allowed. The start date for the contest is September 1st.

Next year, (2012) will be a special time for the Hamfest. Louisiana was admitted into the U.S. in 1812, and state flag was adopted in 1912. We can have a Special Event station at the Hamfest, possibly called K5LSA (Louisiana Special Anniversary).

There are several events coming up this year in which we can participate:

Cajun-Man Triathlon on 9/11. It will be made up of swimming, running, and biking. It will be held near the airport.

Cajun Cup Run November Tour de Teche in October. It will be a Canoe race along the Bayou Teche.

Half Marathon Cajun Cup December

John Cuniff W4JHC will email Dick Melcher for the repeater adjustments.

On motion by Danny, seconded by Glen, KF5FNP, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc
KE5KJF

June 2011 Special Events & Contests

JUNE 4 & 5

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND - There will many Museum Ships, and Lighthouses on the air this weekend-too numerous to list.

JUNE 4 - 5

10-10 Open Season Contest.

JUNE 11

W9ABG - Antenna Builders Guild. Fairview Heights, IL. 14.155, 14.055, 7.182, 7.055. QRP operation.

JUNE 11 - 12

ARRL June VHF QSO Party.

JUNE 18

Kid's Day. A good opportunity for kids getting on the air.

JUNE 24 - 26

N6R - Thousand Oaks, CA. Celebrating the lives of President Ronald and Mrs. Nancy Reagan. 28.490, 21.320, 14.255, 7.260

JUNE 24 - 26

K7C - Hardin, MT. Custer Battle Reenactment. 21.375, 14.250, 7.230, 3.880

JUNE 25 & 26

ARRL Field Day. This will be the busiest contest of the year.

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the June 2011 issue of QST on pages 97 and 98.

April 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|---|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 5 | 32 | Ø | 88 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 5 | 37 | 1 | 102 | KF5ENE Mark |
| Acadiana ARES Net | 5 | 25 | Ø | 69 | N5LRZ Ray |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 2 | * M 5 / G 4 | Ø | 19 | KE5JKD Larry |
| Kids Net (Nick Pugh Mentor K5QXJ) | 2 | 22 | 0 | 32 | KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra |

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.—Benjamin Franklin

JUNE AARA GENERAL MEETING

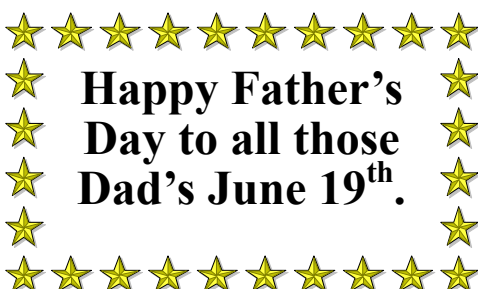
The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will hold their June General Meeting on Thursday June 2 at 7:00 PM. We will continue to discuss our Field Day preparations for June 25 & 26. We hope you can attend the meeting and take part in our Field Day activities.

VE Testing will be held at 6:00 PM. If you plan to test, make sure you have your picture ID, copies of licenses, and CSCE's and test fees.

PLEASE NOTE: If you come early and are not taking part in the test sessions, please refrain from entering the test session room.



Flag Day is June 14th.
Fly your flag in honor of
our great country!



AARA Field Day 2011

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will be holding their Field Day exercise at Noon Saturday June 25 until Noon Sunday June 26.

Our location will be Gossen Memorial Park, Rayne, Louisiana in the large pavilion near the Rayne Civic Center. Look for signs and antennas.

Talk-in: 146.820—pl 103.5

WHAT IS FIELD DAY?

Field Day is held on the last weekend of each year in June, starting at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100

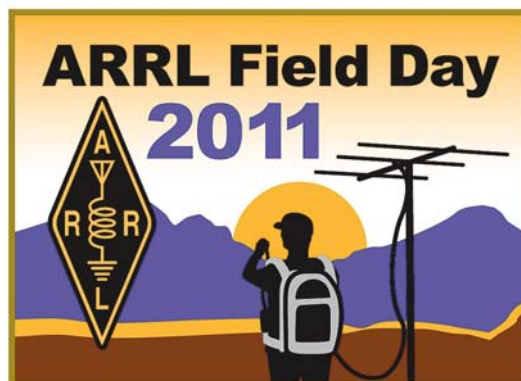
UTC on Sunday. Field Day is an event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) each year during the last full week-end in June. Amateur Radio operators world-wide will set up and operate under emergency conditions, using battery, generators, or solar power. The rules for these operations are set by the ARRL and are very strict.

The City of Rayne, Louisiana has been kind to allow us to have Field Day in the city. Mayor James J. Petitjean of Rayne, Louisiana has issued a proclamation each year proclaiming "AMATEUR RADIO WEEK" in the City of Rayne and Acadia Parish.

We would like to encourage anyone interested in seeing amateur radio stations in operation or getting into this good clean, educational, fun hobby to drop by for a visit. We will have stations communicating by Morse Code, Voice, and Data also we will be using EchoLink (radio operating over the internet).

There will be a "Guest Sign-In" book on site, please fill out completely also a "Hand-Out" table with free brochures.

Remember, amateur radio works in emergency conditions when all other means of communications fail.

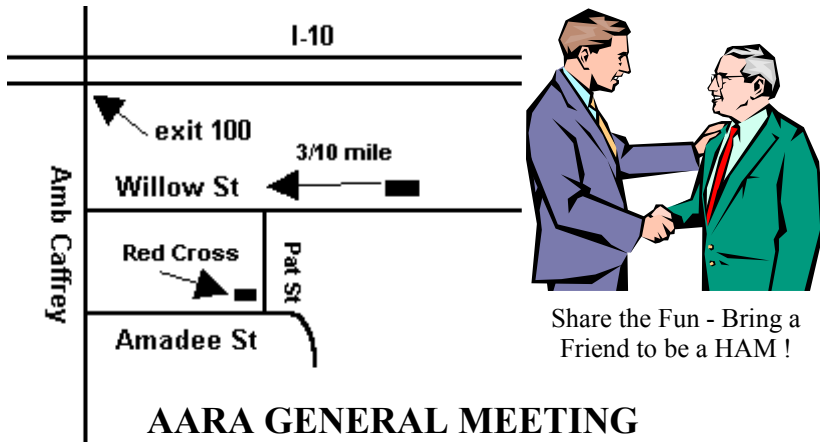


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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, June 2, 2011 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
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Home Style Barbecued Country Ribs

From: Diana Rattray - About.com guide

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 3 lbs Boneless country-style pork ribs | 1/4 tsp Cinnamon |
| 2 Large tart apples, peeled, cored, chopped or thinly sliced | 1/4 tsp Allspice |
| 1 Large onion, halved and thinly sliced | Salt and pepper |
| | 1 cup Barbecue sauce |

In a slow cooker, combine the ribs, apples, onion, cinnamon and allspice. Sprinkle with Salt and pepper.

Cover and cook on LOW for 7 to 9 hours. Drain off and discard juices. Add barbecue sauce and continue cooking for about 30 minutes longer.

Serves 4 to 6.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET
galenw@cox.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:
ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission,
1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245